

## **Senate Democratic Policy Committee Hearing**

### **“An Oversight Hearing on Whether the Army Corps of Engineers Retaliated Against Whistleblowers Who Objected to Iraq Contracting Abuses”**

#### **Witness Biographies**

##### **Bunnatine Greenhouse**

Former Top-Ranking Civilian Contracting Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Bunnatine Greenhouse is the former top-ranking civilian at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Ms. Greenhouse was demoted and removed from the Senior Executive Service after she blew the whistle on the Administration’s decision to award no-bid contracts to Halliburton for work in Iraq. Her demotion came after her June testimony to the DPC and despite an October 2004 order from the then-Acting Secretary of the Army advising USACE not to take adverse personnel action against Ms. Greenhouse pending a full review of her case. Ms. Greenhouse remains employed with USACE, now as a GS-15 civil servant.

##### **Christy Watts**

Former Contracting Officer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Christy Watts is the former Chief Contracting Officer in the Louisville, Kentucky, district office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As her civilian superior, Ms. Greenhouse considered Ms. Watts the best Chief Contracting Officer in the Corps. Ms. Watts was ultimately terminated after she raised concerns about contracting abuses in the Louisville district. She filed a whistleblower protection suit, which the Corps later settled. In September 2002, uniformed commanders ordered Ms. Watts not to communicate with Ms. Greenhouse about concerns she had regarding contracting abuses and irregularities. Ms. Watts is now a small business owner.

##### **Christopher Yukins**

George Washington University Law School

Christopher Yukins is an Associate Professor of Law at George Washington University, where he teaches courses on government contracts and public procurement. Professor Yukins was previously a partner at Holland & Knight and a trial attorney at the Department of Justice. He is also an adviser to the U.S. delegation to the working group on reform of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law Model Procurement Law. Professor Yukins has published articles on procurement reform, electronic commerce and information technology in a broad range of journals, including *Washington Technology*, *Government Contractor*, *Legal Times* and *Federal Computer Week*.